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1. EMBASSY PRESENTED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON
MAY 29 ALONG LINES SUGGESTED PARA 1 REF A. NOTE REQUESTS
APPROVAL OF BOTH AUSTRALIAN AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENTS
TO MAY OLMSTED'S ASSIGNMENT AS CONSUL GENERAL AND SUGGESTS HER
EXEQUATUR BE PROVIDED BY GOA AFTER EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED HER
COMMISSION AND HAS PRESENTED IT TO DFA.

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2. WE RECOMMEND MARY OLMSTED COME TO CANBERRA BEFORE MAKING FIRST VISIT TO PORT MORESBY. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL RESPONSIBLE FOR PNG FOREIGN RELATIONS. WE FEEL IT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR NEW CONSUL GENERAL TO VISIT PORT MORESBY, AND THEN DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA WITHOUT MAKING FORMAL CALLS ON PROTOCOL-CONSCIOUS PNG MINISTERS. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE BOTH GOA AND PNG GOVERNMENTS WOULD EXPECT HER TO VISIT CANBERRA EN ROUTE TO PORT MORESBY.

3. WITH REGARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, WE BELIEVE CHARLTON, MCCALLUM AND FRIEDMAN HAVE DONE COMPETENT JOB IN PREPARING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF POST. MCCALLUM PRESUMABLY IS AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND CHARLTON HAS JUST COMPLETED WEEKS VISIT TO CANBERRA ON ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. SUGGEST OLMSTED PLAN TO MEET ALSO WITH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELLOR REINER DURING HIS SCHEDULED CONSULTATION IN THE DEPT BEGINNING JUNE 3. WE ANTICIPATE IT WILL PROVE USEFUL FOR CONGEN OLMSTED TO VISIT CANBERRA AGAIN AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS IN PORT MORESBY, AND IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT THAT TIME TO DISCUSS ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS WHICH MAY DEVELOP AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS.

4. EMBASSY CONCURS IN SUGGESTION THAT CONSULAR OFFICER DONOVAN SPEND DAY OR SO IN BRISBANE EN ROUTE TO PORT MORESBY. EMBASSY WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, TO FUND TRAVEL OF AMCONSUL BRISBANE TO PORT MORESBY IN JUNE AND WE DON'T BELIEVE HIS PRESENCE IS ESSENTIAL. CHARLTON, WHO HAS BEEN ON GROUND IN PORT MORESBY, SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE AND ACCOMPANY MISS OLMSTED ON INITIAL CALLS. TRAVEL IN NEXT FISCAL YEAR CAN BE PLANNED FOR CONSULAR OFFICER IN BRISBANE TO VISIT PNG AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FOR PURPOSE OF ACCOMPANYING OLMSTED AND /OR DONOVAN ON TOUR AROUND COUNTRY TO INTRODUCE THEM TO IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY GROUPS AND OTHER U.S. RESIDENTS.

5. CAN WE ASSUME THAT CONGEN OLMSTED WILL BE FULLY BRIEFED ON CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA? AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE PROGRAMS ARE ASSIGNED TO CONGEN PORT MORESBY BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974.

6. PLEASE INFORM OLMSTED'S SCHEDULE WHEN AVAILABLE.
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